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IS AN ALIEN ENEMY FIRST

Austrian Will Not Become Citizen, nor Fight for Uncle Sam

EXPECTS TO GO BACK HOME

Several Austrians were before the legal Advsory Board at Washington on Friday, seeking aid in having their questionnaires filled out One of them said that he left that country to avoid military service, that he would not want to fight against his own country, and did not want to go into the United States army. He added that he did not intend to become a citizen and would go back home as soon as the war was over. All he appeared to want to take some good American's job while he was fighting for his country. He claimed exemption from military service on the ground of being an alien.

Another man returned his questionnaire in blank, saying he wanted nothing to do with it It was remailed to him with instructions to have it filled out and returned or he would be turned over to the police.

It turns out that quite a number of registrants are derelict about returning their questionnaires, and they will be dealt with severely unless they have a most convincing excuse Boards in the county have no alternative but to turn their names over to the police for arrest as deserters from military service, and that service begins as soon as the time for the return of the questionnaires has expired. Unless registrants are prompt with the return of their papers a lot of them are apt to find themselves in the clutches of the law.

A great number of American registrants simply sign their questionnaires, waiving all claims for exemption and thus put themselves in the first class liable for immediate military service.

DAVID M. CURRAN IS MERCANTILE APPRAISER

David M. Curran a well known resident of the First ward of Washington, was the choice of the county commissioners for mercantile appraiser for the year 1918. The choice was made on Friday. The law requires that the appraiser be named some time before the last of this month. Mr. Curran has been prominent in the local politics of Washington; he is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having served with Company H in the Philippines. His choice was unanimous.

Marble and Granite Display

Two car loads of granite and marble monuments, just unloaded, are now on display at the show room of the M. T. Crowley Marble and Granite Works, 325 McKean avenue. 138-tf*

CLEMENT FAILS IN SECOND EXAMINATION

Gereral Clement, formerly commander of the Pennsylvania National Guard troops, now the 28th Division of the United States Army, has been definitely dropped from the war service for physical disqualifications. After failing to pass a first physical examination ordered by the army plucking board, he failed the second time in a test given at his own request. General Clement had just returned from a tour of observation in France when he was relieved of his command.

MORE MEN CALLED FOR OVERSEAS DUTY

It is not unlikely that a number of men from Washington county, now in training at Camp Sherman, will be called shortly for duty with Gen. Pershing in France. It is known that a large number of these men have been selected for overseas duty already and the men are beginning to realize that the Division is gradually in the move to the scene of battle in France.

On Friday one hundred and twenty-two men were called for, the men to be selected from the engineers' regiments as well as those skilled in some trade Forty-nine of the men wanted will fill clerical positions with Gen. Pershing's army, and from previous experience there will be no difficulty in filling the quota asked for. Last week 750 men were asked for, and the response was so liberal that officers were compelled to select the men.

Acording to intimations from Division headquarters, calls will come every week from Washington for contingents of men to be sent abroad, and what applies to Camp Sherman undoubtedly applies to other cantonments Up until the present nothing has been given out as to when the National Guard will be sent abroad, but as the men in these commands have been training for over five months it is safe to infer that it will not be long until they are sent in a body to France. The changes in the officers of the 28th Division, composed exclusively of Pennsylvania troops is one indication that the war department has in mind the sending of these troops at an early date to the front.

WASHINGTON HONORS MEMORY OF CHAS S. SMITH

Washington paid tribute on Friday to Charles S. Smith, merchant and public spirited citizen, who died suddenly on Wednesday. As a mark of respect practically every business house in the town closed from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. and hundreds of Mr. Smith's friends and business acquaintances attended the obsequies. The business men and members of the Board of Trade attended in a body.

DONORA RAISED $700 FROM SALE OF RED SEALS

The local committee of Donora in charge of the Red Cross Christmas Seals that have been sold by the school children report that about $700 was raised during the sale.

NEXT DRAFT CALL UNDER NEW CLASS

According to information from Washington, the next draft call, including deferred percentage of the first quota, will be made under the questionnaire classification. There will be no formal call therefore, before the 15th of February.

This means that men included in the deferred percentage of the first quota, most of which quota is now in camp, will enjoy the benefits of questionnaire classification, and will be drawn only if they come under class 1 Men selected under the old regulations continue to go, however, when needed to make up the deficiencies in calls already made.

The new regulatons, however, will not affect ashington county so far as the first quota of men is concerned as all of them have been sent to Camp Sherman. All further selections will be governed by the questionnaire and men will be summoned in the future acording to classification, regardless of which serial hundred they were drawn in last summer.

EXCESSIVE LIGHT ORDER NOT OBEYED

Thursday night was one of the nights, under the recent order of the National Fuel Administrator, on which merchants and others were directed to use as little electricity as possible. The order which came to Maj. H. B. Duncan, county fuel administrator, was honored in the various communities more in the breach than in the keeping. Many lights were kept burning brightly all Thursday night, with no thought of saving. The recent orders are applicable to the whole county, which is under the jurisdiction of Maj. Duncan and prohibits the use on Thursday and Sunday nights of all electric lights, excepting those that are needed for public safety The use of all excessive lights is prohibited by the orders on these two nights of each week

FOOD PROFITEERS ARE BEING CALLED

Hearings are being held in Pittsburg by the food administrator of charges made against grocers in that city who are said to have been profiteering. One grocery firm was charged with selling a half car load of sugar to one firm and charging them 15 cents a pound for the "sweets." Other grocers had charged as high as 12 cents for sugar and under examination the proprietors admitted the truth of the assertion. Their cases will be referred to Washington for decision and it need not be surprising if they lose their license. If they do they wil lhave to go out of business.

FOURTH COMMISSION FOR JUDGE M'ILVAINE

Recorder J. C. Sutherland is in receipt of the commission of Judge J A. McIlvaine for judge of the court of common pleas of Washington county for a period of ten years, beginning the first Monday of January the 7th. Judge McIlvaine will, the coming week, complete 21 years on the bench in this county He has served three terms of ten years each and a constitutional amendment governing elections added a year to the present term. With the recording of the commission now in the hands of the Recorder there will be four of these commissions on record On the 7th of January next Judge McIlvaine will enter upon his fourth term as judge of the court of common pleas of Washington county.

LOCAL HIGH LOST TO THE ALUMNI

The Charleroi high school basket ball team was defeated in a fast and interesting game Friday evening, by the C. H. S. Alumni. The High School boys gave a good account of themselves and show promise of developing into a crack team. In Tom Eagye the high school boys have a fighting Captain and one who will lead his team to many victories. Lowstuter and Lutes starred for the Alumni in shooting, while dependable "Cy" was a wonder in all-around floor work. The line-up was as follows:

Alumni—25		High School—17
Fiedler, Capt	F	Parent-Weaver
A. Stahlman		
Lowstuter	F	Wagner-Glunt
Lutes	G	Pollock-Manon
C. Stahlman	G	Weaver-Manon
Lowstuter-Dixon	G	Eagye-Boyer

Field goals—Fiedler, Lowstuter, 8. Lutes 4; Parent, Wagner, Pollock Weaver. Fouls—Fiedler 9 out of 21; Parent 8 out of 14; Glunt 1 out of 4 Referee, Wagner.

HIGHT SCHOOL BOYS ENLIST IN THE NAVY

James Gee, a Senior in the Monongahela high school, and Stewart Boyer, who graduated last June, enlisted in the United States Navy at the recruiting station in Pittsburg on Friday. Boyer was in the Freshman class at Ann Arbor, but decided to get a taste of the war before it was over.

Mrs. O. P. Meckel and Mrs W. H. Server of Pittsburg visited with their sister Mrs. W. J. Hazlett of Sixth street Friday.

Miss Tina Lee Hollis of McKeesport visited over Christmas with Miss Elizabeth Chaney of McKean avenue.

PELOUBET'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL
LESSON NOTES
FOR 1918
Price
$1.25
MIGHT'S BOOK STORE

ICE SLOWLY MOVING FROM THE UPPER POOLS

The moderating weather of Thursday night has had the effect of keeping the ice from the upper pools on the move. It was feared that another night like Wednesday would again close the pools, but the increased stage of water kept it moving all day Thursday, and now the prospects are that a further clearing will take place because of moderating weather As the ice is moving on with a high stage of water, no damage is reported from any of the up-river landings.

NEW INDICES FOR PLOTS COMPLETED

By order of the court and under direction of Recorder J. C Sutherland there has just been completed in the recorder's office at Washington new indices for plots. The work was done by T. H. Ullom, former index clerk in that office, and attorney O. W. Henson. These new indices are made upon the suggestion of the bar association to the court, and by decree of the court, directing the work to be done by the recorder. With the work completed the county now has the finest set of indices that could be found anywhere. It is absolutely correct and will greatly facilitate the work of looking up these plots.

It was discovered that in times past plots had not been indexed and consequently when some one went to look up a plot it was often not found and required extra searching to ferrit it out. With the new indices this difficulty has been removed.

In connection with the recording of plots the county engineer's office has extra draftsmen at work on a new plot book, known as plot book No. 2 which will conform strictly with the new indices. The old one had become quite soiled as well as torn from frequent handling and a new one was absolutely necessary.

Some of the old deed books are also being recopied, a number of young ladies being engaged in this work at the present time. This work is being done under direction of the court and is in charge of Recorder Sutherland.

Watch Social

A watch social will be held Monday evening, December 31, 1917, in I O O. F. hall Charleroi under the auspices of the Dames of Malta, the proceeds to be given to the Y. M. C. A. Refreshments will be served Tickets 25 cents each and will be on sale in the hall Monday evening. A program will be presented, during which vocal solos will be given by Mary Corey, Irene Pardini, Grace Fleming, Katherine Goldsmith, Mary Couler, and Miss Kurel, a recitation by Mary Butler and a piano solo by Elizabeth Jarviss. 166-t2-*

WILL OF HARVEY M. FRYE HAS BEEN PROBATED

The will of Harvey M. Frye, late of Twilight, has been probated and letters issued to Fremont Frye. He leaves his entire estate, real, personal and mixed, to his wife Mary during her life or as long as she remains his widow. At her death it is to be divided among his children with the exception of his son, Samuel F. Frye, who is to receive the sum of $1.

SUGAR PROBE IS CONTINUED

Some Grocers in Pittsburg May Lose License to Do Business

HAD CHARGED EXCESSIVE PRICE

Hearings being held before the food administration in Pittsburg are apt to have far-reaching effects, and as a result of them a number of retail grocers may lose their license to do business.

It has been brought out in this testimony that a number of grocers in Pittsburg sold sugar as high as 15 cents a pound, compelling customers, particularly manufacturing confectioners, to pay a heavy price in order to obtain the goods that they might continue their business. One retail grocer purchased a half carload of sugar, which it turned over to a manufacturing firm at 15 cents a pound, or 6 cents a pound more than was being charged the retail trade.

Other charges are being probed by the food administrator and a number of retail grocers are to be called to answer specific charges This probing of affairs in Pittsburg is expected to have its effect in the outlying towns. If rumors are true, there has been a disposition on the part of some grocers in the smaller towns to charge excessive prices for sugar, or at least they did add a heavier percentage than contemplated by the food administration to the selling price of this commodity. Whether the probe will extend to any of the districts outside of Pittsburg has not been stated, but from what is now being developed in Pittsburg it would seem to be a good policy on the part of retailers to conform closely to the figures set by the government as to the selling price of sugar. Mr. George, food administrator for Pittsburg, is quoted as saying that 9 cents for cane and 10 cents for beet sugar were considered reasonable cash prices for the same. It is promised by the government that the sugar situation will be cleared up shortly after the first of the year, as many of the refineries that have been closed down will resume operations.

DEATH OF BEATRICE STOBER IN CANTON, O.

North Charleroi friends have been advised of the death of Beatrice, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stober, at their home in Canton, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 26th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Stober formerly lived at Lock Four, and many friends in that community tender their sympathy.

W. J. Miner has returned to his home in Barberton, Ohio, after spending Christmas week with his sister Mrs. J. F. Laird and family.

Look

33 1-3 per cent off on all cut glass. White Ivory and Silverware this week. Ewalds 409 Fallowfield avenue. 163-t4-*

Majestic Theatre Today
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Buy a "Baby Bond" and help win the war. $4.12 buys a $5.00 bond. These bonds can be purchased on payments of 25c each. Further information cheerfully furnished.
4 per cent Interest Paid on Savings Accounts
The First National Bank
CHARLEROI, PA.

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in a variety of dainty designs at
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Circle and Spot Pins at $1.00 and $1.25
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GAME SANCTUARIES

Mr. Hoover fears a meat famine that will last for years, and it is proposed to establish game sanctuaries in the national forests where big game of all sorts may breed unmolested. Bills legalizing such sanctuaries are pending in Congress. This movement would have been much more successful if it had been begun twenty or even ten years ago, the sportsman and the pothunter having meanwhile chased the remnants of the big game of the continent to their last lairs. Happily considerable protection has been provided for deer, and even at this late date it is believed that, with well protected breeding places for deer and elk throughout the vast area of wild timber and brush lands of the United States, at least two million bucks might be slaughtered for food annually, leaving the does to go on producing.

Opportunities for hunting and the possibilities for multiplying the stock of the larger wild animals have become more and more restricted in the United States and even in Canada. The slender remnants of the buffalo are now carefully nurtured in government reservations. A few years ago a small herd still roaming the native wild was reported from the mountains of Colorado and a herd of wood buffalo was known to exist in the Great Slave Lake and Peace River district of British America. Not many years since Mr. Caspar Whitney reported large herds of the musk-ox, a species of buffalo, in the Barren Grounds still farther north. Wild British America still has the puma or panther, the grizzly bear, the moose and the ordinary bear, the two last in considerable numbers. As for wolves, they were common enough a few years ago to be seen from a car window along the Canadian pacific railroad east of the Rockies. All of these animals are found in the Rocky Mountain region of our own country, with the possible exception of the moose, which, however, is still hunted in the woods of upper Maine. Even in the Alleghenies the ordinary bear is still rather frequent, judging from the reports of killings that find their way into print.

Perhaps the Okefinokee Swamp in southeastern Georgia could be made the best big game sanctuary within a short distance of the Atlantic ocean. This great swamp has long been the protesting mother of remnants of the larger game animals of North America, the island fastnesses in the midst of its flooded jungles and marshes furnishing a natural refuge for species exterminated elsewhere on the Atlantic seaboard. Bears have been killed there in recent seasons. Deer still roam its islands. Whether the American panther (the "tiger" of the south Georgia hunters of a generation ago and the "katsa" of the Creek Indians of a more remote period) still lurks in the inmost recesses of this great area protected by nature there are no recent reports to show. Among the 'sanctuaries" proposed this side of the farther West, the Okefinokee would seem to offer exceptionable opportunities for the extensive breeding of eatable game.

A GREAT FISH YIELD

The shortage and costliness of some foods are in a measure offset by the plentifulness and relative cheapness of fish. The year 1917 was a good one for the fisheries. For example, the canned salmon of Alaska has been valued at $40,000,000, which is twice the record production of 1916 and more than the yield of the Alaskan gold fields. A heavy salmon production is also reported from the northern Pacific States, the grand total being far above domestic needs and furnishing a subsantial supply for our European allies. During the past year the Bureau of Fisheries has done a great deal to develop the wealth of our coast and interior waters, the output of the hatcheries for the first time passing the 5,000,000,000 mark and all the States being furnished in abundance.

We read that many formerly neglected fish are now being utilized in one way or another, these including the sable fish of the northwest coast, the burbot of the great lakes, the bowfin of the interior rivers, the grayfish, the talefish, etc. Even the shark has become a profitable commodity, leather of a very good grade for certain uses being made of its skin. Perhaps there is at times greater profit in the catching of the shark through the increase in food fish resulting from the reduction in the number of one of their most destructive enemies. Shark meat is now also used as food. A further gain is reported as a result of efforts to reduce wasteful and destructive methods among fishermen.

LET'S HAVE ACTION

The ordnance department is not ready to furnish all the arms the American army needs, while the quartermaster's department is not ready to properly equip the men with clothing. Fortunately so far as we are able to learn, the commissary department has stood up under the increased strain put upon it and the men are getting plenty of good, wholesome food. If they don't then there is trouble in store for their commanding officer.

However, two of the important requisites of the soldiers, arms and clothing, are deficieint and no immediate prospect of this condition being improved upon.

If the Congressional investigations now under way can stir war department chiefs to greater activity and greater efficiency, then we cannot have too many of them. But if they are going to end with no improvement in conditions, then they are little better than a farce.

The American people which is pouring out its treasures by the billion and its young men by the million wants something more than explanations from men in important positions who are charged with such specific duties as belong to the ordnance and quartermaster department.

YOUR FIGHTING QUARTER

The Thrift Stamps which Uncle Sam is putting out gets the savings habit right down to bed rock. They were invented for the man, woman, or child who could save 25 cents at any time within thenext year and who felt that he or she would like to do a bit towards winning the war. Every quarter invested in a Thrift Stamp helps to buy something for an American soldier or sailor that he needs, if he is to be an efficient and well equipped fighting man in the war against the kaiser. Count that week lost in which you do not make one of your quarters go to war.

THE STEEL HORSE

The British minister of agriculture organized an army of farm tractors, placed headlights on them, and plowed day and night for weeks and weeks in the spring of the year. When the harvest was gathered, and England found she had enough food to withstand any blockade of submarine for another year, credit was given the tractor as the most effective weapon of warfare yet discovered. France had the same experience. The United States is soon to find that the farm tractor is a necessity of war.

It is easy to convince the German masses that England is fighting to crush German commerce and that France is fighting for territory at Germany's expense, though neither is true; but it is not so easy to manufacture the conviction throughout Germany that the United States also has gone into the war with selfish aims. The desperation of the German moulders of public opinion is shown by the fact that they can think of nothing more convincing than that the United States "desires to annex Switzerland." This country's record and the President's utterances have brought the Kaiser's editorial writers to their wit's end.

As Sairey Gamp imagined "Mrs. Harris, whenever the testimony of the fabulous lady was needed, so the Germans have concocted an "Anna Huitems" and had her shot in the United States as a spy. No doubt the mythical Frau or Fraulein Anna is being employed for all she is worth—which can't be much, for the Germans themselves shoot spies and occasionally even impale Belgian or French children on bayonets and hold them aloft as they pitifully take leave of a hell-cursed world.

It is known that President Wilson and Colonel House talked about the inter-allied conference at Paris until they burned the midnight oil, but in spite of published speculations based on "unimpeachable authority," few of us know much about what was said and done at the French capital further than than those taking part in the conference regard it as highly successful and that they came away enthusiastic.

Lenine and Trotzky are trying hard to earn the Kaiser's money, but they will never be able to cover up the ugly fact that Russia was the first to take steps to resist German aggression and that that country as now ruled has deliberately broken faith with the allies it eagerly sought in a common cause. This disgrace, if not removed, will endure as long as history is written.

The First Lessons.

The happy and prosperous children are those who have before all else the education that comes by reverence, writes Amelia E. Barr. This education is beyond all doubt the highest, the deepest, the widest and the most perfect of all the forms of education ever given to man. A child that has not been taught to reverence God and all that represents God to man—honor, honesty, justice, mercy, truth, love, courage, self-sacrifice, is sent into the world like a boat sent out to sea, without rudder, ballast, compass or captain. The manipulation table can wait until the child has been taught to reverence all that is holy, wise and good, and the imagination received its first impulse.

BUFFALO WAGES GAME FIGHT

Wounded Animal Gives Battle Royal to Huntsmen When He Is Poked in the Eye.

An exciting story is told of a party who went buffalo shooting in Zuzuland recently. During the course of the holiday a buffalo was shot early one morning. The party saw the animal drop, and as it did not move, decided to deal with it later in the day. Returning in the afternoon they saw the buffalo from a distance, apparently in the same position as they left it. One of the hunters went out to the buffalo, and on reaching it poked a stick in its eye. This had the effect of restoring animation in the animal, which was only badly wounded, and a warm time thereupon ensued for the gentleman in question.

The buffalo jumped up and tackled the hunter, who hung round the neck of the buffalo in the hope of tiring it out. When the other members of the party arrived the buffalo and his foe were whirling round at such a rate, that it was impossible to get a shot in without endangering the life of the latter. The buffalo tried to stamp the man to the ground with his forefeet, and at last lifted him with a terrible toss of its horns into a thorn-tree near by. This gave the other men the chance of a shot, and the buffalo's career finally terminated.

Products of Genius.

There is not a bit of routine, however cheap our unthinking mind may count it, that was not started by genius. The fundamental facilities of life, the things we use as carelessly as we tread the pavement—the very fire we light, the tools we handle at our work, the food we eat—each represents some early triumph of man's spirit.—Exchange.

Dumb Dogs.

There are three kinds of dogs that have no voices and can not bark—the Egyptian shepherd dog, the Australian dog and the lion-headed dog of Tibet.

SHOOTING FISH IN GUIANA

Native Indians Still Adhere to Use of Bows and Arrows in This Sport.

Although the Guiana Indians all use guns for hunting game, they still adhere to bows and arrows for killing fish, and employ blow-guns and wourali—poisoned darts — for securing birds and small animals. The bows are usually of letterwood, about five feet in length, and very powerful. The arrows vary according to the purpose for which they are designed; but all are long—from five to six feet—with shafts of arrow-cane and a shank of hardwood fitted at one end. This piece is tipped by a steel point or head which is fixed immovably if the arrow is for shooting birds or small fish; or, if used for killing turtle and large fish, is equipped with a socketed head, attached to a long, strong, cotton line. When a large fish is struck, the shaft floats free from the socketed head, which acts as a toggle, and turns at right angles when a strain is put on the line. By means of this harpoon-like arrangement the fish or turtle is hauled in. Neither fish nor turtle arrows are feathered, but those used in hunting birds are provided with two feathers which seem far too small to serve any useful purpose. With these simple weapons the Indians creep along the rocky edges of the streams and eddies and with marvelous dexterity shoot the fish which only their hawklike eyes can discern deep beneath the surface. Naked, save for a lap, or loin-cloth, the hunter stands motionless as a statue, with drawn bow and poised arrow, and, if no fish are visible within range, he "calls them" by a peculiar beckoning motion of his hand and a low whistle. Whether or not the fish actually respond to this command I cannot say, but the Indians affirm that they do, and, when this method fails, the savages resort to attracting the fish within range by throwing certain pods and seeds into the water.—A. Hyatt Verrill in Harper's Magazine.

Pigs Feed on Nut Trees.

It is an undisputed fact that in Morocco pigs climb trees in search of nuts, says the Los Angeles Times. Not only pigs but goats. The puzzle is not in the pigs and goats, however, for they are of the common variety that we see here. It is the tree that is strange. It is called the argan nut tree and it grows near Agadir. Usually it shoots out from a steep hillside. The trunk is broad and flat and almost horizontal, and so are the main branches, forming ample and solid foothold for any animal that may be tempted by the olive-shaped nuts growing within easy reach of the main branches.

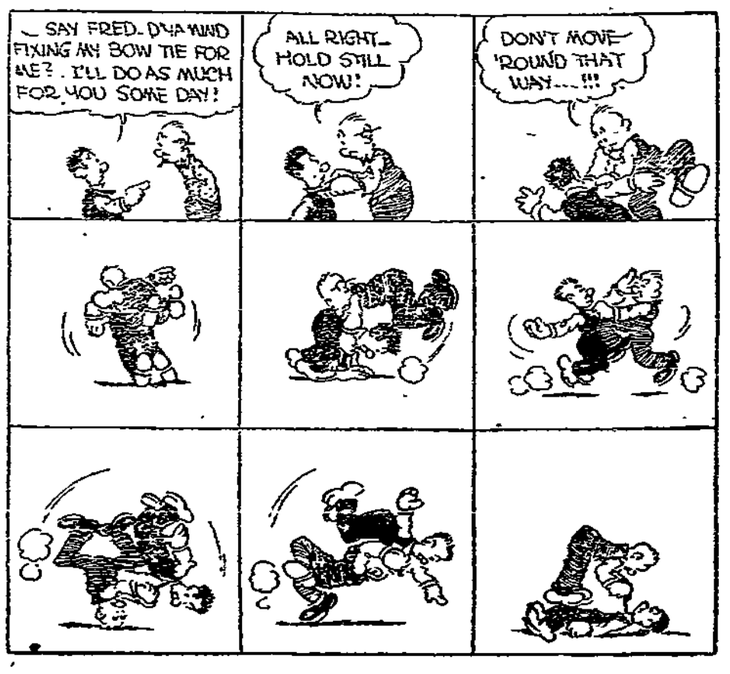
Starting the Clock.

If a clock refuses to run after being wound owing to the need of cleaning, try this: Roll a bit of cloth, tie it well so it cannot unroll and saturate it with coal oil. Place the roll in the bottom of the clock, well out of the way of the pendulum. After the fumes of the oil have had time to do their work—say from ten to twelve hours—wind and start the clock, and if nothing is broken it will run.

Ruse to Get Auto Ride.

Willie's father does not own an auto, but a good friend of the family has a seven-passenger car. One Sunday afternoon the little one became restless and was wishing some one would come and take them for a ride. Finally he said: "Daddy, call up the Johnsons and ask them if they wouldn't like to take a walk with us—and daddy, tell them to be sure and bring their auto."

WHAT HE WANTED....AND



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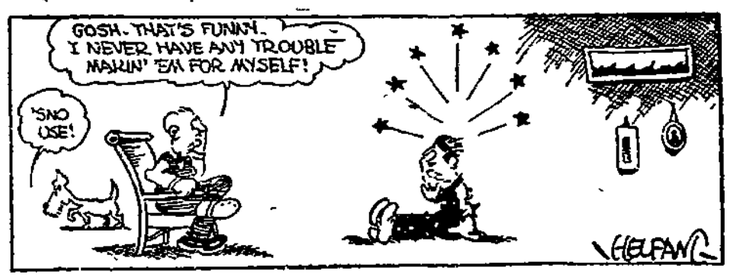

HOLDS A "PLAIN DOG" SHOW

Philadelphia Is Originator of Novel Contest in Which Canines of All Walks of Life Enter.

Hungry dogs, clipped dogs, thin dogs, fat dogs, blind men's dogs—anything from a cheese hound to a sky terrier—gathered themselves together for the third annual "Plain Dog" show, held under the auspices of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, says the Philadelphia North American.

The dog for which Mother Hubbard made her epochal trip to the cupboard was there, hobnobbing with Old Dog Tray.

Taking them by and large, tail for tail, the wistful eyed congress of curs was shy on blue blood, but long on faithfulness, vagabondry, lovableness and all the other traits that have won for them a "place in the sun" or behind the stove, so far as young America is concerned.

Philadelphia originated the idea of a "plain dog" show, and this year it was enlarged to accommodate other pets, such as monkeys goats cats, ponies, horses, pigeons and chickens.

Gerard's Use of German.

A correspondent of the Westminster Gazette sends to that paper his impression of American Ambassador Gerard's use of the German language as it sounded to him in Ruhleben. "Heard from the back of the room," he writes, "the speech did, no doubt, sound like American, with variations; but listeners in the foreground declared that both grammar and vocabulary were accurate. The sentences were, for German sentences, rather short. One was not kept waiting anxiously for the verb, as for a difficult catch in the long field; nor was the verb announced, in the German style, by the premonitory rumblings of semi-detached propositions. But the flow of words was easy, and all the points were made, and the only effect of the peculiarities of the ambassador's accent was to inspire the deputation with fuller confidence in his good-will and Anglo-Saxon sympathies."

Gladstone a Hard Worker.

Gladstone was a hard worker, with no dreads with regard to work, says the American Magazine.

He turned from political responsibilities of the heaviest to Greek for recreation, and lived his four-score years and more, just as Pope Leo XIII. turned to Latin poetry for his relaxation from world-wide burdens, and lived on beyond four-score and ten, living so hopefully that when, at the little dinner given him on his ninetieth birthday, one of the cardinals said, in proposing a toast to him, "Here's that you may live to be a hundred, holy father," the old pontiff replied: "But why limit me to a hundred?"

They were contemporaries of Ranke, the German historian, who at the age of ninety-one proposed to write a history of the world in 12 volumes, one volume to be completed each year, and actually lived, I believe, to complete nearly half of it.

These men had no dreads; but they allowed their energies to work on, without any fear of exhausting their vitality.

Almost the Speed Limit.

"At Chattanooga," said a veteran of the Civil war, "one of the men in my company left early in the action, and no one saw him till after the battle, when he appeared in camp unwounded and unabashed. Some of the boys accused him of running away, but he wouldn't admit it.

"'I only retreated in good order,' he declared.

"I heard of the matter, and a few days later I asked him if he had any idea how fast he had 'retreated.'

"'Well, I'll tell you, cap'n,' he said. 'If I had been at home, and going after the doctor, folks that see me passin' would have thought my wife was right sick!'"—Harper's Monthly.

Some Grievance!

The railroad official invited the stern citizen to communicate his troubles.

"I want you to give orders," demanded the visitor, "that the engineer of the express which passes through Elm Grove at about 11:55 be restrained from blowing his whistle on Sunday mornings."

"Impossible!" exploded the official. "What prompts you to make such a ridiculous request?"

"Well, you see," explained the citizen, in an undertone, "our pastor preaches until he hears the whistle blow, and that confounded express was 20 minutes late last Sunday."—Lamb.

Telltale Eyes and Toes.

The eyes tell the story of guilt when all the other muscles are controlled. This you will learn in the eleventh chapter of Darwin's book. Sometimes, when the face is controlled, as in the case of natives of India, other muscles are uncontrollable. Sir Henry Maine declares that in India the judge can tell when a native is lying by watching his toes. He keeps his face perfectly straight and his eyes expressionless, but his toes begin to wiggle as soon as he begins to lie.

Not Old Enough.

Alice was not greatly interested in the approaching Halloween party and when her older sisters tried to enthuse her with the subject she answered sadly: "Oh, what good is Halloween to me? I am not old enough to see my future husband's face in a mirror."

PLIGHT OF TROUSERLESS MAN

Wind Blowing Door Shut Leaves Him in Predicament, Causing Hasty Retreat to Garage in Rear.

A certain North side man, the Indianapolis News had a patriotic garden and it was his habit to get up with the sun, don khaki trousers, drink a cupful of coffee and work until his wife called him to breakfast, about two hours later.

He rose about five o'clock one morning and dressed completely—all but the khaki trousers, which he kept in the basement. He descended the stairs and was on the way to the basement, when he saw outside a bottle of cream left by the milkman. Thinking of the effect of sunlight on cream and of his cupful of coffee, he peered up and down the street, opened the door, stepped out grabbed the bottle hurriedly. Just as he turned to go in he heard a slam—the wind had blown the door shut. He found himself out on the front porch, fully dressed, with the exception of a pair of trousers. The door was locked. He looked wildly up and down the street, vaulted the low cement railing and made a bee-line for the garage, the only available place of refuge and seclusion. He remained in the garage until his wife learned of his predicament, about two hours later, and came to his rescue.

The story would have remained a dark secret had not a neighbor—a woman, too—seen the whole affair and witnessed, the mad scramble for the garage.

WOMEN AS GREAT ORGANIZERS

Matrons Conduct Large National Gatherings With a Zest and Order, and Not a Man Is to Be Seen.

In the last 20 or 25 years particularly the women of this country have become past masters in developing nation-wide organizations. The groups which they have formed sometimes number as many as a million women. They take great delight in the perfection of their machinery. Much of the social awakening among women, the desire to improve their surroundings, comes from the stimulus and the education they get from their organizations.

But these organizations, it should be noted, are voluntary, writes Ida M. Tarbell in Harper's Magazine. They are directed to some purpose which appeals particularly to the group. Each stands on its own feet—that is, they are not co-operative organizations; and again, they have nothing to do with men. Go to one of their national gatherings. You will see meetings conducted with a zest, an order, a directness which throws in the shade almost any men's convention I ever saw, and not a man to be seen anywhere.

The Middlemen.

A farmer raised a peck of wheat beside the River Dee; a boarder ate a wheated loaf 'way down in Tennessee; the loaf the boarder fed upon cost half as much and more as did the farmer's peck of wheat a month or so before. "Now, why is this," the boarder raved, "they hold me up on bread?" "And why is wheat so bloomin' cheap?" the plodding farmer said.

A chap beyond the Rocky ridge raised 20 pounds of limes; another one in old New York was kicking on the times, for he had downed a glass of "ade," and, poor forlorn galoot, had paid one-half the market price of 20 pounds of fruit. "Now, why is this, they soak me thus for this wee sip of 'ade'?" "And why," exclaimed the orchard man, "am I so poorly paid."

Now hold your horses steady there, you man beside the Dee; go easy there, you hungry chap in sunny Tennessee; restrain yourself, you orchard man, forbear this angry talk, and you beside the soda fount in Little Old Noo Yawk, remember this: Our food and drink, no matter where and when, must also be the food and drink of thirty middlemen.—Utica Globe.

Curious Burials.

The inhabitants of Mesopotamia have curious customs in the disposal of their dead. The corpse is carried to the grave dressed in ordinary clothes, with the face uncovered. Bodies are buried in shallow graves, and after a period dug up again, the bones being collected into a white linen bag and deposited in small buildings.

"One day," says an officer of the R. A. M. C., "I saw such a bag in a church; it was labelled with a woman's name. In a village near the Struma I have visited one of these storehouses of the bones of the departed. The bags most recently placed in it were still white and whole; others were whole, but stained brown by time. Those that had been deposited in years past had rotted away."

Evidently She Had Not.

The small boy was teasing his mamma for candy all during the preparation for a trip downtown, when finally, exasperated, she said: "Claude, if you don't stop mother will be angry. If I see fit when we get there I'll buy some, otherwise I'll not."

He was quiet during several visits in and out of the downtown stores, when finally he said: "Mother, have you seen your fi[illegible]"

Wind and Trees.

The existence of tall plants and trees depends largely on the wind force. A tree with square trunk and branches would offer so much resistance to the wind that it would be continually having its branches snapped.

Odd Lots

Holiday Goods

Greatly Reduced

$1.25 Sets Aluminum Doll Dishes.....89c

69c Sets Aluminum Doll Dishes.....49c

89c Enamel Doll Dishes.....59c

Photo and Post Card Albums, former prices up to $1.98, reduced to 69c

Ribbon Novelties. former prices up to 50c, reduced to.. .....19c

25c Mirrorscope Moving Picture Machines 15c

J. W. Berryman and Son

Charleroi's Busy Store

AVOID THE BURGLAR

When you have valuable Jewelry and Silver Ware in the home you are always subject to fear of burglars. Before you go away on your vacation rent one of our safe deposit boxes and then all cause for worry is gone.

DO IT NOW.

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CHARLEROI, PA.

SQUIRREL'S PLAN IS HALTED

Little Pet Persisted in Carrying Away Doctor's Winter Supply of Carefully Hulled Walnuts.

Billie, one of the pet squirrels in Fletcher avenue, became very indignant recently, relates the Indianapolis News. The doctor had burned considerable gasoline in visiting the country and gathering walnuts, until he had three or four bushels for winter use. Billie watched the doctor hull the nuts, put them in a basket and set them in the sun in the back yard to dry. The nuts looked good to Billie and when the doctor was called away Billie got busy and began laying up his own winter store. The squirrel had carried off and buried about half a bushel of the nuts when the doctor returned and put the little thief to flight.

Billie returned the next day and found the doctor had spread the nuts on the roof of his garage and covered them with wire screens, but this didn't daunt the squirrel, which at once gnawed a hole in the wire and pulled out the nuts with its paws. It was busy burying them in neighborhood lawns and gardens when the doctor discovered that more of the nuts were missing.

"Shoo, you little rascal," the doctor said, as he made a threatening motion.

"Get out of my way," retorted Billie in squirrel chatter as the little animal made a dash for another nut.

"Not one more," replied the doctor as he attempted to close the rent in the wire screen, but the squirrel did not budge an inch and attempted to scratch and bite.

Finally the doctor pushed the squirrel off the roof and threw a nut at it, which was promptly buried with the others that had been stolen. Billie then sat on his haunches with tail curved upward and chattered all manners of unkind things till the owner of the nuts had packed them away in the cellar.

Inducing Birds to Bathe.

To induce a canary to take a bath sprinkle a few seeds upon the water. This added attraction will make the bath become a habit.

Clothes-Cleaning Device.

On one end of a recently patented clothesbrush is an absorbent pad to enable cleaning to be done with any desired liquid.

Tricks of Worms.

Mimicry in animals, "hitherto an unsolved mystery," is explained in the North American Review by Hudson Maxim. When a bird is about to attack a worm he looks at the worm, trying to ascertain whether the worm is a food worm or a puff-adder. The mental process of the bird is transferred to the nervous system of the worm, who, now aware of the fact that the bird would hesitate to attack him if he were a puff-adder, proceeds to imitate the puff-adder.

EARLY MAN FIGHTING ANIMAL

Ancestors of Present People Were Called Upon to Face Beasts That Inhabited Plains and Rivers.

The first houses were caves. Early man was a fighting animal, and had to contend against the huge and ferocious beasts that infested the plains and rivers, observes a writer. His dwelling naturally had to be a place of security as well as a habitation. Caves were natural and artificial, the latter being hollowed out of solid rock by rude flint instruments. Most of them were formed in the sides of cliffs and among high, rugged hills.

To those early ancestors of ours, the primeval men and women who secured, as one would think, but scanty shelter and protection from these stone caves and holes in the rock, we apply the generic term of cliff dwellers.

They were entirely ignorant of agriculture, and subsisted by hunting and fishing and on the natural products they found growing in a wild state.

What is very remarkable, at our very doors can still be seen the typical houses and handiwork of those pre-historic tribes in the caves of the Lancos river in southern Colorado. These, in most instances, are as well preserved as when their ancient occupants deserted them—perhaps 10,000 years ago. When inhabited they were reached quite frequently by notches cut in the rock, and at other times rope ladders must have been used.

RUSSIA TO RECLAIM DESERT

Good Pasture Lands Are Destroyed at the Rate of One Hundred Thousand Acres a Year.

The shifting sands of Astrakhan and the measures taken by the Russian government to deal with this problem form the subject of a memoir by J. G. Firstov, published in Petrograd, observes the Scientific American. Ten million acres of the province in question are covered with shifting sands formed during the nineteenth century and subsequently. These sands have been spreading at the rate of 100,000 acres a year, the result being the transformation of good pasture land into a barren waste. The principal cause is over grazing; flocks and herds are kept so long in one place as to result in the complete destruction of the turf. Poor agricultural methods are also responsible. About the beginning of the present century the government took measures of control and reclamation, and between 1904 and 1909 an area of about 46,000 acres was brought under cultivation. In 1913 a special service was ordered to deal with the question. The province was put under the charge of a chief forestry officer and divided into six districts, in each of which a subordinate official was appointed to superintend the work. At the time of writing good progress has been made in planting soil binders and growing herbaceous crops, but it was still problematical whether the province was adapted to the establishment of forests.

WREATH FOR ENEMY AVIATOR

Scotch Flyer Who Brought Down German Delegated by Royal Flying Corps to Deliver Flowers.

A true incident that reveals the respect shown by allied aviators for the memory of a daring enemy flyer is told in "Tam o' the Scouts" by Edgar Wallace, writing in Everybody's. Tam, an Irish-Scotchman, was told that the man he had brought down the day before was a well-known German aviator named Von Zeidlitz, and on behalf of the Royal Flying corps Tam was selected to take a wreath to the funeral.

"The wreath, in a tin box, firmly corded and attached to a little parachute, was placed in the fuselage of a small Morane—his own machine being in the hands of the mechanics—and Tam climbed into the seat. In five minutes he was pushing up at the extreme angle at which a man can fly. Tam never employed a lesser one.

"Evidently the enemy scout realized the business of this long British flyer and must have signaled his views to the earth, for the antiaircraft batteries suddenly ceased to fire, and when, approaching Ludezeel, Tam sighted an enemy squadron engaged in a practice flight, they opened out and made way for him, offering no molestation.

"Tam began to plane down. He spotted the big white-specked cemetery, and saw a little procession making its way to the grounds. He came down to a thousand feet and dropped his parachute. He saw it open and sail earthward and then someone on the ground waved a white handkerchief.

"'Guid,' said Tam, and began to climb homeward."

JONES HAD A POOR MEMORY

Husband Blamed Wife for Not Turning Off Gas in Stove—Forgot He Shut Off Meter.

Speaking at a dinner, Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska referred to the beauty of having a good memory, and fittingly related this story:

At eight o'clock in the morning one day last summer the Jones' took trunks, grips and suitcases, and hustled for the railroad station. Twenty minutes later a taxicab dashed up to the Jones house and out jumped Jones.

"What's the matter, old man?" asked a kindly disposed neighbor. "Forget your railroad ticket?"

"No," answered Jones, showing symptoms of peevishness. "My wife left a kettle of water boiling on the gas stove. Didn't think of it until we reached the station. You can always depend on a woman to have a memory like that."

So saying, Jones unlocked the door and hastened into the house. In about two minutes he came out again with his features puckered into a peculiar twist.

"How did you find it?" cheerfully asked the neighbor. "Sizzling to beat a locomotive, I suppose."

"No," guiltily answered Jones, "I had forgotten that I had turned the gas off at the meter."

Seattle Becomes Island.

They have been making Seattle look something like New York, only in the process Seattle gets a water front of more than 130 miles as against New York's 43 (that is, Manhattan's), says Boys' Life. This winter you will "bound" Seattle like this: "Seattle is bounded on the east by Lake Washington, deep fresh water about 25 miles long and three to five wide; on the south and west by Puget Sound (salt); and on the north by the new deep water lock canal, completed at a total cost of nearly $5,000,000, to say nothing of the cost of regrading the streets, building new bridges, and doing other things to adjust the city to the change." The change includes the dredging of the new waterway to Lake Union in the very heart of Seattle. The two lakes named are nine feet above the waters of the sound at high tide. The new canal will take the largest merchant ships afloat, which is doing enough, for it's only the ships afloat that count.

Sanitary Fountains.

An investigation of drinking fountains at the University of Minnesota, carried out by the state board of health, led to the rather startling result that the 77 fountains in use at the university, most of which belonged to various supposedly "sanitary" types were found to be improperly constructed to prevent contamination by the consumer, according to the Scientific American. The principal defect was the vertical discharge of the water, making it necessary for the consumer to place his mouth directly over the point of discharge. It was found that the majority of persons drank with the lips touching the nozzle. The investigators devised a new type of fountain in which the discharge is at such an angle that there is no possibility of water falling back from the mouth upon or near the orifice.

A Unique Suggestion.

A constable in a Vermont town recently rounded up a number of hobos. "Come aloug," he said to them, "you have all got to have a bath."

This announcement was, of course, received with considerable perturbation, especially by the eldest of the men. "What!" he exclaimed. "A bath! A bath with water?"

"Sure thing," said the constable.

"Look here, Mr. Constable," said the apprehensive one. "Couldn't you manage it with one of them vacuum cleaners?"—Case and Comment.

How to Apply Gum.

By means of a printed notice attached to each bottle of gum, H. M. stationery office thus instructs the government officials in the use of that substance: "In ordinary use, the best and most nearly immediate result is obtained by using only such an amount of gum as will just uniformly moisten the surface without leaving any obvious excess to delay drying, the condition to be aimed at being that of a gummed postage stamp just moistened as ordinarily applied to a letter." Which is just another way of saying, "Apply lightly."—London Tit-Bits.

Ants That Carry Umbrellas.

In Mexico there is a variety of ants that carry little green umbrellas, made from bits of leaves, to protect their bodies from the fierce tropical sun. Sometimes, writes a contributor to the Youth's Companion, who has lived in the turbulent republic across the Rio Grande, I have seen two ants walking together while one politely carried the umbrella over the two. At other times, she says, I have seen them, which going in opposite directions, stop and salute each other before they passed on.

With the Unusual.

It is the unusual event that gives the unusual person a chance. To meet the unexpected with decision and effectiveness is the sign of the leader. If you can take responsibility when responsibility is suddenly thrust upon you, and do your very best with a clear head, you are the sort of person who will achieve a permanently responsible position. And it is the responsible positions that are well paid and interesting.—Exchange.

Ever-Faithful Horse.

It is the horse that has fought the wars of the world and won our human liberty. Besides this, he has broken our prairies, sown and harvested our grain, and delivered it to the markets of the world. He has carried messages of victory and of sorrow, and down to the time of Washington he constituted the fastest mode of communication known, if we except only the carrier pigeon.—Dumb Animals.

"The American Addison."

"The American Addison" was a complimentary nickname conferred on Joseph Dennis, a newspaper man born at Boston in 1768, who won reputation as "Oliver Oldschool." Under that pseudonym he established and for several years conducted a periodical called the Portfolio, which, from all accounts, was popular in its day. He died at Philadelphia in 1812.

"Peat Cotton."

A material known as "peat cotton" is either made into cushions on which to rest injured limbs, or as filling for bandages. One difficulty about using peat cotton is that it must be kept moist. When dry it crumbles into dust and becomes useless. A trace of tar in the make-up renders peat cotton a valuable disinfectant.

To Repair Frayed Shoelaces.

When the tag or end fastening comes off a shoelace, take a little black sealing wax and press it carefully around the end of the lace and shape it to a point. This will last a long time and does away with the annoyance of frayed lace ends.

Testing the Taffy.

Pat's grandmother was making him some old-fashioned molasses candy. She let him taste it from the cold water cup to see if it was done. Each time she would ask: "Is it hard enough?" and he would answer: "It's pretty easy yet."

Value of Nation's Own History.

There is nothing that solidifies and strengthens a nation like reading of the nation's own history, whether that history is recorded in books or embodied in customs, institutions and monuments.—Joseph Anderson.

Educating the Filipinos.

Under the rule of the United States more than 3,000,000 natives of the Philippines have had some instruction in the English language and more of them speak and write it than any other tongue.

Being Sure of Heaven.

I would rather be a poor beggar's wife and be sure of heaven, than queen of all the world and stand in doubt thereof by reason of my own consent.—Catherine of Aragon.

Woman Invents Lamp Shade.

Artistic lamp shades have been invented by a woman who chemically treats the lining of calves' stomachs to produce a translucent leather.

Rain Carries Electricity.

Rain carries both positive and negative charges of electricity, says a French scientist who has experimented exhaustively.

Prepare for Sudden Deeds.

We prepare ourselves for sudden deeds by the reiterated choice of good or evil which gradually determines character.—George Eliot.

Rowboat in Three Pieces.

A [illegible] which can be [illegible] three pieces for carrying [illegible]

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

St. Mary's Episcopal

Sunday after Christmas, December 30. Sunday school and confirmation instruction at 9:45. Morning Prayer and sermon at 11. Subject, "Teach us O Lord to number our days." Even Song and address 7:30. Subject, "The Work the Lord Himself Alone can do.' Tuesday, New Years Day services at 10:00. Friday service of intercession at 10:00. A patriotic service with special music will be held Sunday Jan. 6. Feast of the Epiphany. The public is cordially invited to hese services. Rev. A. A. H. Houbert, B. D., Lit. Dr. Rector.

Methodist.

Corner of Sixth street and Lincoln avenue. Sunday school at 9:45. W. S. James, superintendent. Preaching service at 10:45. Sermon by Rev. Logan Hall of Chicago. Epworth League services at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Two short addresses will be given, one by Rev. John Martin and the other by G. M. Hartung, a brother of the pastor. Both of these young men are students for the ministry at Allegheny College. This is a homelike church. All or cordially invited.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian

Sabbath school at 9:15. Preaching at 11. Sermon, "Some Reflecetions for New Year Pilgroms." Jr. C. E. at 2:30. Leader, Robert Smith. Sr. C. E. at 6:30. Topic, "Planning for the Future." Leader, Miss Nell Ryland. Preaching at 7:30. Sermon, "The Overshadowing Presence." This church wishes every one a Happy New Year. Rev. John R. Burson, pastor.

Lutheran.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching services at 11. Subject, "The New Year." Junior League at 2. Vesper services with sermon at 7:30. Subject, "The Eternal Things." Annual congregational meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30, preceeded by the preparatory service. C. P. Bastian, pastor.

First Christian.

Fallowfield avenue. Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching services at 11 and 7:30. Rev. B. C. Hibler, of Homestead, will occupy the pulpi morning and evening. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. All members of the congregation are requested to be at these services.

First Presbyterian

Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching services at 11 and 7:30. Rev. C. A. Keller of Summerville, Pa., will preach morning and evening. Senior C. E. at 6:45.

CALIFORNIA CHILD DIES FROM SEVERE BURNS

Mura Juilat, ager 6 years of California, died in the West Penn hospital, Pittsburg, Friday afternoon, from burns received last Thursday when she was rescued from a fire in her home.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meting will be held in the Frst Presbyterian church on Wednesday, January 2nd at 8:30 for the purpose of calling a pastor or other business. A large attendance is requested. 166-t3

Always Ready to Serve.

Editor Mail: I wish to inform you that parties having used my name in the Mail Thursday evening, December 27, using the word "inability," which has two meanings to it, therefore the public not knowing my circumstances may take the wrong meaning. I called Mr. Booth, the proper authority, notifying him I had sickness at home and could not serve at this time, but would serve any time later, as I am always ready to work for the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. or any other patriotic purpose I may be called upon to do.

Respectfully,
Mrs. George W. Moody.

CAR SUPPLY SAID TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED

Reports to the fuel administrator at Washington would indicate that the car supply to coal mines has materially improved during the past few days. Indications are that the congestion, which has held up car movements, is now being cleared up.

Classified

FOR SALE—At a bargain 7 room house, hot air furnace. Hot and cold water, bath room. Situated Shady Avenue. Inquire E. J. Charles Charleroi Savings & Trust Co. 148tf

FR SALE—Sleigh and two strings of bells $5. 325 Fallowfield avenue. 165-t2

FOR SALE—A twelve room house with a six room house in rear. Rents for $52 per month $3700. 166-tf

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. 101 Fallowfield avenue. 164-tf

WANTED—To rent house with modern conveniences in or near Charleroi. Address 66 Mail office. 151tfp

WANTED—Good girl for housework. Inquire 71 Mail office. 158tf

WANTED—Bookkeeper. Apply between 6 and 8 any evening to the Peoples Store, Monessen, Pa. 165-tf

FOUND—November first, a hound pup. Owner can have same by paying for damage done by animal, amounting to $8. Call at Keystone Cut Glass Co. 65-t2

Notice To Stockholders.

Charleroi, Pa., December 8, 1917

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank will be held at its Banking House, Charleroi, Pa., Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business which might properly come before them.

R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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Clarence Poundstone, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poundstone, is in the Allegheny General Hospital, taking treatment.

ARRESTED FOR MAKING SEDITIOUS REMARKS

A man named Dick Billon was arrested by the State Police at Roscoe Friday evening, charged with making seditious remarks against President Wilson. The man was taken to Monongahela, where he was locked up. He will be turned over to the Federal authorities for action.

That Bore of a Fond Parent.

Of course, you have a bright youngster who says and does amusing things, asserts a writer.

But all children do.

Your child has not a monopoly.

If you wish to be classed with the worst of bores, continue your constant eulogy of all that your child says or does.

If, for instance, some other child said or did what your boy or girl does, would you think it so excruciatingly funny?

Every bright, healthy, intelligent child is delightful in the unfolding.

To each fond father and mother the particular angles of understanding, as they come to light, are most interesting.

But the youngster is chiefly interesting to yourself.

You see traits and characteristics in the light of what you know you are yourself. That is what makes it sound so funny.

How about the mean little tricks that your own child has and that you cannot get away from? They all have them, too. Do you tell these things? No.

Then your wonderful tales are merely another form of braggadocio. How about it?

Ridicule and Rumor.

The chief difference between ridicule and genuine humor is that ridicule is cruel and humor is kind. Ridicule shows lack of understanding and consequent lack of tolerance. Humor, by means of understanding, becomes tolerant. The really great humorists are great humanitarians.—Exchange.

Name Made No Difference.

A little miss was visiting at a home where two elderly women were stopping. One had a name easily remembered, but the other had an unusual one. Upon being presented to them the little girl looked pensive for a moment, but she quickly solved her difficulty by saying: "How are you, Dranma B and Dranma More?"

Stop That Cold At Once

HILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE

The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiates—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it. 24 Tablets for 25c.

At Any Drug Store

STRONG EVIDENCE

Is the Statement of This Charleroi Woman

Backache is often kidney ache;
A common warning of serious kidney ills.

'A Stitch in Time Saves Nine."—Don't delay—use Doan's Kidney Pills.

Profit by the experience of Mrs. Louis Vellettay of 205 Prospect avenue. She says: "I had been troubled for years with dropsical swellings in my feet and ankles and I found it hard to get around. I also had a dull, heavy pain in the small of my back and I couldn't do my housework. Rheumatic pains darted throughout my body and I felt tired all the time. I doctored but got no relief until I was advised to try Doan's Kidndey Pills. I bought some at Piper Bros. Drug Store and two boxes relieved me. I now take Doan's Kidney Pills when I am not feeling well and they never fail to help me."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Vellettay uses. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Bucalo, N. Y. 44

No More Running Sores

Hennings Drug Store and Piper Bros. Druggists, Sell an Ointment Called San Cura That is a Positive Relief.

It matters not how old, persistent or poisonous the sore is, San Cura Ointment the powerful antiseptic, will draw out the poison and promptly heal the sore.

So sure of this are the owners, the Thompson Medical Co. that they have authorized Hennings Drug store and Piper Bros, druggists to return the purchase price if San Cura Ointment doesn't do all this paper says it will do. No fairer offer was ever made.

B. D. Dutton, Titusville, Pa., says "My arm was covered with twenty-four running sores and swollen to twice its natural size. San Cura Ointment relieved the pain. drew out the poison and healed the arm in an incredibly short time. It is the greatest compound for healing I ever used."

The healing powers of San Cura Ointment are little short of marvelous. It gives relief, and is guaranteed to help salt rheum,eczema, bleeding, itching or protruding piles, ulcers, boils, carbuncles, chapped hands and chilblains. In cuts, burns, scalds and bruises, it allays pain and is healing. 30c, 60c and $1.20 a jar. By mail on receipt of price, if your druggist is out of it or does not keep it.

SAN CURA SOAP

For tender, itching or irritable skin, wash with San-Cura Soap, the antiseptic soap that soothes and heals and kills germs of disease. Great for pimples. blackheads, and makes the complexion clear and attractive. 25c at Hennings Drug Store and Piper Bros. druggists.

Mail orders for San Cura Ointment and Soap filled by Thompson Medical Co., Titusville, Pa.

FOR SALE

3 houses Lincoln Ave, all for	$4700
4 room house Lincoln avenue	$3000
3 houses Oakland avenue	$2600
6 room house McKean avenue	$2300
5 room house Lock No. 4	$3600
5 room house Lock No. 4	$2700
5 room house Crest avenue	$2800
One lot near new mill	$1800
18 room house Lookout avenue	$4500

FOR RENT

One store room, good location.

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413 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa

FOR SALE

9 rooms and bath, Washington ave.	$7,800
307 Lincoln ave., 7 room and bath	6,750
608-610 Lockout Ave., 8 rooms and bath	5,400
909 Crest Ave., 6 romms and bath	3,500
809 Meadow Ave. 8 rooms	
320 Meadow Ave., 7 rooms and bath	
307 Meadow Ave., 5 rooms and bath	
403 Shady Ave., 5 rooms and bath	2,600
808-810 Shady Ave., 5 rooms	1,600

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DEFECTS IN "CANNED" SONGS

Vocalists Do Not Break Down on Top Notes and No One Shouts "Amen," Comments Countryman.

He was a plain, old-fashioned countryman "without no frills," as he often proudly boasted. He lamented the passing of the old cottage organ, ear-lobs and coal oil lamps and contended that persons in these days are not nearly as happy as those of a half century ago. The other day he came into town from his country home nearby, relates an exchange, and stopping at his son's home was entertained by his daughter-in-law with music on the phonograph. Knowing his fondness for old religious music, the daughter-in-law put on the records containing old-time hymns sung by the world's great artists of song. The old man was plainly thrilled and sat in rapt attention as he heard his old favorites sung with such sympathy and meaning as he never had heard them sung in real life. At the conclusion of what she called her "sacred concert," the young woman asked, "Well, father, weren't those old hymns sung as beautifully as you have ever heard them in the old days?"

"Emmy, they mightn't be so bad," he reluctantly conceded, "if that Madam Human Shank or whatever you call her, had only broke down on the top notes like they used to in church, most always, and somebody'd only said 'Amen' right out loud when they got through singin'."

"MEAT!" CRY BELGIAN WAIFS

Hungry Children March Through Streets Shouting for Food—Fed by the Red Cross.

The desperate condition of the civilian population of Belgium and northern France, who are being repatriated, and the work of the Red Cross in restoring them to normal health is graphically described in a report to Red Cross headquarters from Evain, where repatriates are received. These destitute people are returning to their land at the rate of 1,000 a week, 60 per cent of them children. Their hardships have been so acute that of the adults who return 30 per cent die the first month from exhaustion.

"There arrived recently," says the report, "a train loaded with Belgian children, 680 of them, thin, sickly, alone, all between ages of four and twelve, children of men who refused to work for the Germans and of mothers who let their children go rather than let them starve. They poured off the train.

"They had come all the long way alone. The children poured out the station, marched along the street, shouting, "Meat, meat, we are going to have meat" to the Casino, where they were given a square meal, the first in many months."

The Cent Comes Back.

Our smallest coin, the cent, is emerging from the low position in public esteem which it has occupied for many years, says the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. Under the operation of the new revenue law it will achieve the favor which it deserves at the hands of thrifty people. Prosperity brought the copper coin into contempt. Now that we are to cut out extravagance and waste, the cent will be respected like every other necessity. One may not care to burden himself with a fistful of the erstwhile despised "near-money," but we are entering upon an era of odd prices which makes the one-cent piece essential to the commonest transactions of the day. The prosperous may escape the annoyance of over-many coppers by buying such quantities they can make payments in multiples of nickels and dimes, but even that resource may fail them. The public will soon look askance upon the citizen who buys more than enough for immediate needs. "Hoarders" are not in favor, thanks to the warnings issued by the food and other administrators of necessities. So the people generally may as well make up their minds to carry "pennies" and make and receive odd change wherever they buy.

"Americans Have Brains."

Col. T. H. Goodwin of the Royal Army Medicine corps of England. told physicians in the training camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, that the Germans fear the effects of the entry of America in the war.

"A German captain who had been captured was asked what he thought about our much-prized shell fire," said Colonel Goodwin.

"'Your artillery is no better than ours' the German replied.

"Surely you will admit we excel in aviation," we told him.

"'No,' the German replied, 'you are not better than us anywhere.'

"Finally we asked him what he thought about America entering the war, and he answered:

"'That is different—we've got some brains to fight now.'"

"Johnny on the Spot" Farmer.

A western farmer dropped in upon the liberty loan committee in his town, toward the close of the subscription period, placed a milk can on the table, removed the cover and emptied the contents. That milk can contained the savings of wars, in copper, silver and gold coins and bank notes. When counted, the cash was found to amount to a goodly sum. "I never put my money in bank," said the farmer, "but I've been thinkin' it over, an' I guess I can trust Uncle Sam." No doubt he was typical of a much larger element of the population than is actually known. —Christian Science Monitor.

HAVE A LESSON IN FRENCH

Family and Friends of Young Indianapolis Officer Learn the Meaning of "Sans Origin."

The son of a prominent Indianapolis business man recently received a commission and was called for service in France, relates the Indianapolis News.

The family and many friends of the young lieutenant were anxious to learn of his safe trip across, and the father received many inquiries about his son's welfare during the weeks of silence following his departure.

Finally a cablegram was received and the word was passed around that the soldier boy had landed safely. Someone thoughtfully inquired just where the cablegram came from, and a close inspection of the message revealed what was thought to be either the port of landing or the headquarters of American troops. It was written plainly enough, across the top of the message—"San Sorigin." Speculation was rife; office associates brought out atlases; maps and encyclopedias were consulted to find out, if possible, whether the young officer was near the scene of activities, at a port, or in the south of France. Finally someone with a knowledge of French spoiled all the fun by informing the eager group that "Sans origin" was the French equivalent to "somewhere," or, literally, without origin. The cable operator who had copied the message had merely divided the letters in the two words at the wrong place.

SAYS SHARK MEAT IS GOOD

Writer Declares Flesh Looks and Tastes Much Like That of Young Pig, but Is Not as Juicy.

A good many people do not know how shark's meat tastes when it is cooked. There is some talk of a government investigation of this matter, observes the Hartford Courant, so that everybody may get the taste as second hand. The writer of this paragraph, owing to the fact that he was a good deal of a seashore man at the time, has tasted cooked shark for himself. The flesh of the shark, when a Southern cook presides over the kitchen, looks very much like the meat of a young pig, and tastes very much like that meat. The main difference is that the flesh of the infant hog is a trifle more juicy.

When one reflects that part of the shark family was created with a relish for human flesh, or has been brought to this liking by some millions of years of evolution, it seems odd that man, when he gets the chance, should also like to eat the shark. It goes to show that in the general scheme of existence nothing is wasted.

The shark can get a good dinner out of a man, and the man can get a good dinner out of a shark. It all depends on which one gets the other first. In either case it is fair eating for the one who gets the dinner.

Old Friends Meet.

This world is not such a big place after all. Recently, at Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, writes a New York correspondent, one of our boys in khaki met an Italian soldier with one sleeve of his coat tucked in. "Why," gasped the American. "Bien," returned the Italian. The two had met in Florence, Italy, three years ago. On the lapel of the American there was a small nickel-plated model of the Statue of Liberty, enfolded in an American flag. The Italian asked if he might have it for a keepsake. "Some day I'll come to your land," he said, smiling, "and I'll bring it back to you." And when the American and Italian came face to face the man from the sunny climes still wore the emblem of Liberty on his breast. "And must I return it?" he asked. "Well, hardly," returned the American. "You have earned it a thousand times. Your sacrifice has been for what it represents—liberty and justice." "That is right, yes, but is it not worth the sacrifice? Yes, worth it ten thousand times."

The Dream of a World Court.

The thought of an international court or conference for the settlement of international disputes is not new, writes Oscar Hallam in Case and Comment. Grotius suggested it nearly three hundred years ago during the Thirty Years' war.

William Penn, in 1693, proposed the establishment of a European diet, parliament, or estates for the maintenance of perpetual peace.

Rousseau, Kant and Bentham followed. Sumner devoted himself to the question of disarmament, the establishment of a congress of nations, and the abolition of war by means of an international court of justice.

Experimenting.

On entering Milliken's room one day his friend, Pingley, found him thumping the piano with all his might and drawing the most discordant noise from the instrument. "What in the name of all that is good are you playing?" asked Pingley. "I am trying to play that score of Wagner's," replied Milliken. "But the score is upside down," said Pingley. "That's true," said Milliken. "I had it the other way up at first, but couldn't make head or tail of it, so I thought I might succeed in this way!"

Looking Ahead.

Junior, with his playmate, had been given some candy by an old gentleman, and on being asked how they liked it replied: "Just fine! Will you get us some more when this is done? We're big eaters."

TELLS ABOUT JOHN RANDOLPH

Thomas H. Benton Relates Interview With Eccentric Man, in Which He Depicts His Melancholy Mood.

Thomas H. Benton in his "Thirty Years' View" gives an interesting account of an interview he had with the eccentric John Randolph of Roanoke.

The interview was at Mr. Benton's room in Crawford's hotel, in Georgetown. It was in the gloom of the evening, before the lamps were lit. Mr. Randolph, reclining on a soft, silent and thoughtful, repeated, as if to himself, Johnson's lines on "Senility and Imbecility," that show his life under its most melancholy form:

"In life's last scenes what prodigies surprise,
Fears of the brave and follies of the wise.
Down Mariborough's eyes the streams of dotage flow,
And Swift expires a driveller and a show."

When Mr. Randolph finished repeating these lines, Mr. Benton said to him: "Mr. Randolph, I have often heard you repeat these as if they could have an application to yourself, while no one can have less reason than yourself to fear the fate of Swift."

To this Randolph replied: "I have lived in dread of insanity."

While Randolph was not insane in the ordinary sense of the word, it is certain that he had occasional temporary aberrations of the mind, and it was during such times that his talk was most brilliant, a copious flow for hours of wit and classic allusion, a perfect scattering of the diamonds of the mind.

His will was contested on the ground of insanity, but it was not set aside.

Drive Turkeys to Market.

In some sections of Texas turkeys are driven to market. In one instance a flock of 5,000 turkeys was driven 13 miles in two days. Twice a year a train called the "turkey special" leaves Morristown, Tenn. Carloads of turkeys are sent to Morristown from the surrounding country, and these are made up into one train and rushed to New York. Each car contains about 1,200 birds and a man is sent to care for them. In spite of all possible speed and care, however, the birds are said to lose about 12 per cent of their weight in shipment.

The House of Illumination.

A visitor to an old English cathedral was told that up in the vaulted roof there was a wonderful bit of carving, but that he had come at the wrong time of day to see it properly. Only at a certain hour of the morning did the light fall on it and reveal its beauty. Those early workers in stone were content that for the greater part of the time their work should remain hidden and unappreciated, and that it should only appear to the visitor at some rare moment of illumination.

The Humanities.

The humanities are those branches of education or study which are included in what are called elegant learning, as languages, grammar, philosophy and poetry, including the ancient classics, an educator says. The name implies that the story of these branches has a tendency to humanize man, to cultivate particularly those faculties which distinguish him as a man in all his relations, social and moral; that is, which make him a truly cultured man.

Parting Wedged Drinking Glasses.

Drinking glasses and similar articles often become wedged together so firmly that it is difficult to part them without damage. A simple method of parting glasses is to pour cold water into the inner glass and set the wedged glasses upright in a dish of warm water, which should then be gradually heated by pouring hot water into it. The contraction of the inner glass and the expansion of the outer one will release the two.

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